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## Board of Regents statement echoes marchers concerns

By S. NEVADA WEBB  
Editor

Last Spring, an estimated 500 to 700 students cared enough to march in protest over conditions MSU caused by spending priorities.

Though the two days of demonstrations were covered by every major network and newspaper within 100 miles, the administration played down both the numbers of students involved, and it's effects.

"Marches don't impress me," C. Nelson Grote said in an interview a week before the marches. "You get my attention by coming in my office, sitting down and making your case."

Students who have sat down with the president and attempted to make a case have stated that the visit was more of a placebo than serious exchange.

A meeting between Grote and representatives of the march's organizers, the "MSU Students for a Quality Education," had been set for the day following the final semester issue of *The Trail Blazer*. However, at the last moment, it was cancelled.

Allegedly Grote claimed the cancellation was done by student representative Tonia Goech. However Katrina Patten of the *Trail Blazer*, was present at the time Grote received the phone call from Grote's office cancelling the meeting.

Part of the student's desires concerned Grote's dependance on subordinates for too much of his information, leading to misinformation and distance between himself and the student body.

This summer, however, MSU's president seems to have taken a more active role around the campus by seeing problems first hand, talking with departmental

chairs about funding and taking a more decisive role.

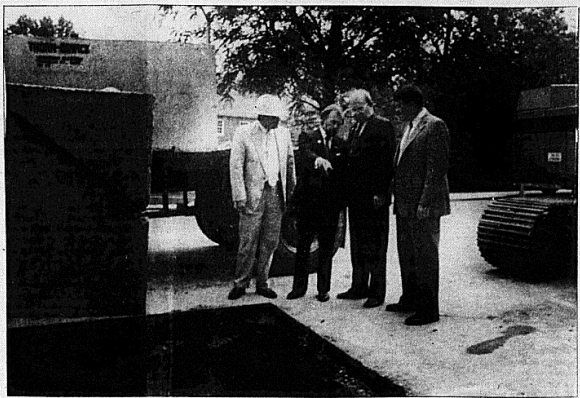
On June 23, the MSU Board of Regents released the following statement that, coincidentally or not, echoed the marcher's concerns and grievances:

"There is a sense of urgency and commitment to improved educational systems throughout our country. It is a challenging time for us to be a part of the higher education process. The dollars available are not enough to be all things to all people."

"This board would like to go on record with its commitment to bringing Morehead State University faculty salaries up to the average of Kentucky's regional universities."

"Equally important to our commitment, is our charge to this administration and faculty to develop a system of accountability. Tenure, across-the-board salary increases, and the perception of a massive higher-education bureaucracy are three areas that many taxpayers question. We would like to help eliminate some of this skepticism at Morehead State University."

"We fully realize that our commitment to faculty salary increases cannot be met with new funding alone. Therefore, a complete and thorough review of all administrative and staff positions must be undertaken by our President, Bricks and mortar, in the immediate future, must take a back seat to our commitment if necessary and where possible. All programs must continue to be studied on an investment versus return to student basis. In summary, we intend for what we lack in new dollars to be supplemented with existing dollars to



Cabinet Secretary L. Roger Wells Jr., toured MSU's utility tunnel renovation this past June. From left to right: Michael W. Masterson, vice president of Henderson Electric Co., of Lexington; Secretary Wells; MSU President C. Nelson Grote and Dr. Gary S. Cox, executive director of the state Council on Higher Education. Photo/Ray Bradley

## Planck, custodians compromise on change

By S. NEVADA WEBB  
Editor

As of July 1, much of the dayshift custodial staff was changed to 5 a.m.—2 p.m., according to Physical Plant Director Joe Planck.

"Former Daily Vice President of Administration and Fiscal Affairs checked it out and ok'd it," he said.

The preliminary change was announced at a meeting of the custodial staff in the maintenance conference room at 9 a.m. on April 26. Planck indicated though, that he did not want this to create a hardship in anyone's life.

"The door's open. We don't want anyone to lose their job over this," he said during a later interview. "If anyone has a legitimate reason (for being excused from the hourly change), they will be evaluated on an individual basis."

Planck had asked that those concerned submit their reasons by June 1 for consideration.

"Let me point out," Planck explained, "that the (Custodial) committee that evaluated this plan recommended that we don't make any exceptions in the interests of 'consistency and fairness toward everyone.'"

The Custodial committee, made up of three supervisors and three custodians, was assembled to come up with an alternative to a total change to nightshift.

The 5 a.m.—2 p.m. shift change suggestion was made, according to one source, by the nightshift custodial supervisor and seconded by the dayshift supervisor whose hours are 5-2 anyway.

However, Planck overruled the suggestion of no exceptions, and offered a compromise. He felt that some buildings, due to traffic and use, simply had to have custodians on the 5-2 shift, while other buildings could remain with a 7-4 shift.

"Joe basically gave the staff a choice of working in the building they preferred, even at the new

hours," one source said, "or changing to another building at the old hours."

Planck seemed pleased with it.

During a May interview, Planck believed that he had a good working compromise.

"I believe this is a good compromise. I feel it will be beneficial for MSU," he said. "It will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of custodial operations."

But what brought about the decision for a change in hours to begin with?

"In everything you read about it (custodial care), it's a service (best) provided during the off hours," Planck explained. "The actual cleaning can be done (better) when no one's in the building."

He stated that two-thirds of MSU's present custodial staff was previously on duty while the campus buildings are occupied.

Planck gave other reasons for the hourly change.

"The new hours will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the staff when the facilities are unoccupied," he said.

"We will have two additional hours a day to clean while the buildings are unoccupied. We've gone from one hour a day for physical cleaning to three," Planck stated.

Some of the custodians still disliked the compromise, feeling they should not have to give up attending a building of their preference in exchange for the 7-4 shift.

One stated that it was hard to maintain a good family life when two hours were lost in the evenings to an earlier bedtime.

All in all, though, a general survey of custodians under Physical Plant showed that the majority felt that Planck had acted in good faith and one custodian's statement seemed to echo the general sentiment.

"Mr. Planck understood that some of us would have serious problems," the custodian said, "and was as fair as he could be in his compromise."



A ticket on a student's wind-shield, not an unusual sight, usually the only introduction mid-level students have to MSU's security officers. But, a university officer's job far more than just parking tickets, and it's not an easy job. Photo Kevin L. Goad

## University officer's job not an easy task

By JENNIFER L. BROOKS  
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So you think state and city policemen have a rough job. Having to work odd hours. Living dangerously. Protecting the life and property of citizens in their jurisdictions.

You should try being a University officer.

These guys get no respect. Because they mainly deal with younger people on campus, people think they have it easy. Roger Holbrook, Coordinator of Investigations, however, can list

many ways in which the University officer's job is even harder than that of an ordinary cop.

"To be a University officer, you must enforce state and local laws but in addition regulations that would apply only to the University," Holbrook said.

He added that sometimes it becomes a close call as to whether to charge with a University violation or state law violation, and in some cases, it would be both, such as a minor possession of alcohol on campus.

The job is made even harder

See HOLBROOK, page 8



Summer commencement was an exciting, hectic time both for graduates and family members such as Charlene Mintz and her niece, 5-month-old Kasia. See front page, Section B for story and photo coverage of both Spring and Summer Commencements. Photo/Tina Hicks

## Weather Wizard

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Friday-Cloudy, clearing, high 80's  
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Sunday-Sunny, 90's

# NEWS

## That was the summer that was..... the world.....

Nation celebrates 20th anniversary of lunar landing

July 20, 1989 marked the 20th anniversary of the landing of Apollo 11 on the moon. On that date, the world watched live black-and-white video coverage of Neil Armstrong's first step on to the lunar soil, uttering those now famous words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

According to the Associated Press, at a news conference of all three Apollo astronauts, Armstrong finally laid to rest the rumors that his famous words had been prewritten. He stated that he had composed them on the spot.

Cuban general executed alleged drug dealing

Cuban General Arnaldo Ochoa, formerly a close personal friend of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, was arrested along with 13 other security and military personnel on charges of drug trafficking.

During the ensuing trial, there were allegations that the charges were trumped up to cover Castro's own involvement in the drug trade.

Immediately after a show trial, Ochoa and three others were executed by firing squad.

Polish Communist Party Relinquishes political leadership

In late August, after having failed in an attempt to form a coalition government, the Polish Communist Party stepped aside.

A new coalition was formed by Solidarity led by Lech Walesa, and two small non-communist political parties.

It is the first time since World War II that an Eastern Bloc country had a non-communist government.

Terrorists claim Higgins killed

Shiite terrorists claimed to have killed abducted U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. William Higgins in retaliation for Israel's failure to release Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid.

A videotape allegedly depicting Higgins' hanging was sent by the terrorists. FBI specialists confirmed that the victim was the Louisville native.

Higgins wife, a career Marine Corps major, said she was proud of her husband and what he stood and died for in representing the U.S.

Khomeini dies

Ayatollah Khomeini, spiritual and political leader of Iran, died in early June. The flamboyant leader, who spent decades of his life in exile in France before leading the overthrow of the Shah in the late 70's, had been suspected of being directly responsible for many terrorist activities throughout the world.

With the death of Khomeini, relations with the U.S. have wavered in the last two months between thawing and a continuation of the Ayatollah's policies.

Massive demonstrations protest Britain's treatment of Chinese in Hong Kong

With the student massacre just days old, thousands of Chinese in this small British colony attempted to visit for Great Britain.

After being turned away, several hundred thousand citizens marched, protesting England's treatment of them as "second class citizens."

The British government denied that the Chinese had less status than any other British subject.

800 dead or missing following Soviet pipeline explosion

natural gas pipeline explosion in the USSR in early June left at least 800 people dead or missing.

Two Trans-Siberian Railroad trains, passing over a liquefied petroleum pipeline, were blown up when the pipeline exploded.

According to the USA Today, Gorbachev promised a full investigation into the accident.

Tiananmen Square Massacre

What began as a peaceful protest ended in mass murder in June in Beijing, China. For seven weeks, demonstrations against political corruption and for more democracy were lead by students across China, with the heaviest concentration in the capital.

Government hardliners eventually won out and the army was ordered against the students, crushing the movement and killing untold numbers in the streets.

During the summer, hundreds of suspected leaders were rounded up and dozens executed.

## the nation.....

185 survive crash of United 232

185 survivors offered nothing but praise for the crew of United 232 after an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa.

45 minutes prior to landing, an explosion in the tail engine severed both the main and two backup hydraulic lines that were used to control the jet.

Through the use of throttling each of the two remaining

Flag burning decision touches off debate

The Supreme Court's ruling that to punish someone for burning the American Flag was an infringement of freedom of speech lead to cries of outrage by some, relief by others.

Veterans' groups, some members of congress and the President immediately called for a Constitutional amendment to make burning the flag illegal.

The ACLU lead the opposition to allow the Supreme Court decision a victory for free speech. (see Forum page, Pro-Con debate)

engines separately, the cockpit crew was able to porpoise the plane down to an emergency landing.

The DC-10 cartwheeled as it hit the end of the runway, killing 11 of the 296 passengers and crew.

Congress ok's Bush's S & L bailout plan

August saw the end of a bitter congressional standoff when it adopted a \$159 billion rescue of the savings and loan industry.



Abortion issue divides nation

Since the July decision of the Supreme Court to allow each individual state the right to determine the legality of abortion, both sides of the debate have stepped up lobbying efforts.

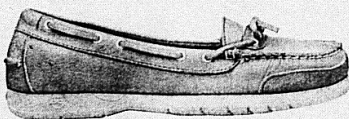
The abortion rights activists have threatened to turn out any congressman not voting for

"freedom of choice".

The anti-abortion feel the decision does not go far enough in protecting the unborn child, and are working to gain state support for their position.

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## Kentucky.....



Hopkins calls McConnell plan "goofy"

Rep. Larry Hopkins of Kentucky said innocent people would be endangered by Sen. Mitch McConnell's (R-Ky) "goofy" proposal to allow the federal agencies to shoot down aircraft suspected of carrying drugs.

He described the plan as "irresponsible" and has said he planned to see to its defeat in a conference committee of House and Senate members.

Queen Elizabeth visits Kentucky

England's reigning monarch visited Kentucky for the third time since 1984. She stayed for three and a half days, the guest of the Farish family, owner of Lanes End Farm in Versailles.

The Queen, who boards a few mares at Lanes End, visited five area farms looking at various stations and sires for her mares. Her visit to Kentucky was called "a working holiday" by British officials with much of her business kept private.

Jacobs gets death sentence

Clawvern Jacobs, Vietnam veteran, gets death sentence from Knott County Circuit Court July 9.

Jacobs' lawyers unsuccessfully tried to bar the press from the trial.

Jacobs was found guilty this summer of the September, 1986 murder of 18-year-old Judy Ann Howard; Howard was a student at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes.

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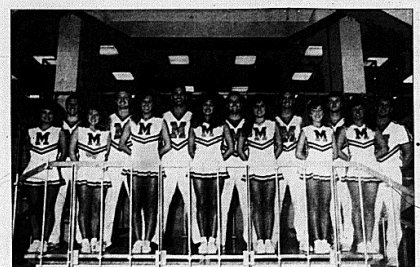
## School of Education earns high marks

Morehead State University's School of Education has earned continuing accreditation through Dec. 31, 1994, from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

MSU received high marks from the on-site review team chairman, according to Dr. Larry W. Jones, dean of MSU's College of Professional Studies. "Dr. (Norm) Daly called it one of the 'best organized visits' she had participated in," the dean said.

Under NCATE's new guidelines for continuing accreditation, MSU will be responsible for submitting an annual report on its teacher education program to NCATE.

Dr. Katherine D. Hiteg, MSU associate professor of education, has been asked to serve as coordinator for the NCATE report as well as for those required by the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and the Kentucky Department of Education.



MSU's new varsity cheerleaders for the 1989-90 academic year are, from left to right: Jan Gilbert of Grayson; Krista Holbrook of Covington; Suzette Hignite of Hahnemann; Randy Kedge of Williams; W. V. Vaz; Kelsa Holbrook of Morehead; Tom Rutledge of Roberts; Sandy Everman of Garrison; Darrell Gales of Louisville; Candl Brown of Clearfield; Bradley Ross of Morehead; Pam Franklin of Paris; Shannon Ziegler of Silver Grove; Kristi Adkins of Westchester, Ohio; and Daniel Gallowater of Columbus, Ohio. Photo: Ray Bradley.

## Nearly 200 years of combined service of seven retirees

Five faculty members and two department chairs, who collectively have nearly 200 years of service to the University, are among the Morehead State University employees retiring this year.

That list also includes two couples whose years of service total 100: Dr. William R. "Randy" Falls, Department of Physical Education and Recreation chair, and his wife Beatrice B. Falls, administrative secretary to the College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Earl J. Bentley, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation chair, and his wife LeMerle B. Bentley, head reference librarian, Camden-Carroll Library.

Other retirees include Richard G. Eversole, assistant professor of biology; Dixie M. Moore, assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. William M. Bigham Jr., professor of music; Dr. Lamar B. Payne, professor of chemistry; Meade S. Roberts, associate professor of industrial technology; and Carrie C. Back, special collections head, Camden-Carroll Library.

Dr. Bentley, who came to MSU in 1959, will retire July 31 with 30 years of service. A native of Alabama, he is a former MSU assistant football coach and served as athletic director and coach at Southern Union Junior College. A member of Phi Delta Kappa, he earned his B.S. degree from Troy State College, the M.S. degree from the University of Tennessee and an Ed.D. degree from University of Southern Mississippi. In the late 1970's, Dr. Bentley was instrumental in bringing the NCAA Youth Sports Camp program to MSU, where it was the first to be held in a predominantly rural area.

Eversole, who joined MSU's faculty in 1965, retired Dec. 31, after 24 years. He earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in biology with a chemistry minor and his master's degree from MSU's former high school science teacher, he also was chief lab technician for Meadows Gold Dairy and a chemical analyst for Armco Steel. He has been a member of the Kentucky Academy of Science.

Dr. Falls, who was named department chair in 1966, has taught at MSU since 1961. He will retire June 30 with professor emeritus rank. A former research fellow with the Atomic Energy Commission, he also was chair of the former Department of Science Education and coordinator of the Center for Science Education. He has written several lab manuals and is co-author of Physical Science: Principles and Applications which is in its fourth edition and is the author of another textbook. He has been a member of the Board of Directors, Mid-Atlantic AETS and is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Sigma Pi Sigma. He earned the B.S. degree from Rio Grande College, the M.A. from Marshall University and the Ed.D. degree from Indiana University.

Mrs. Falls, who retired in October after 25 years at MSU, returned on a temporary basis during the spring semester. She earned the Associate of Applied Science degree in business from Evans College of Commerce in Gastonia, N.C. Prior to coming to MSU in 1963, she was employed as a travel coordinator for Ashland Oil, Inc.

Moore, a Winchester native, retired Jan. 1 and was recently awarded assistant professor emeritus status. She joined the

faculty in 1963. Active in the Mathematics Association of America, she earned her A.B. degree in chemistry and mathematics from the University of Kentucky and the master's degree from Marshall University. A former Fort Gay (W. Va.) High School teacher, she has taken additional graduate work at the University of New Mexico, University of Wisconsin and Tulane University.

Dr. Payne also retired July 31 after having taught for 27 years at MSU. He is the author of "How To Do an Organic Synthesis," which has been printed in English and Japanese editions. He earned the B.S. and M.S. degree in chemistry from Auburn University and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Alabama. His professional memberships included Sigma Xi and the American Chemical Society.

Roberts came to MSU in 1966 and retired May 13 with 21 years here. A former industrial arts teacher in Cincinnati Public Schools, he also was an electrical engineer with Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and taught mathematics at Ohio State University, where he earned his bachelor's of electrical engineering degree. He received the master's of education degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Roberts' interest in robotics in the early 1980's was instrumental in MSU's becoming a pioneer in robotics education. A member of several professional organizations, he also is the author of an article on "Design, Construction and Operation of an Industrial Type Robot" and has conducted several projects.

Back, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU, joined the library

staff in 1968 and also taught library science and instructional media. A former Pendleton Co. elementary school teacher, she has been active in the Kentucky Library Association.

Retiring during the fall semester were Billy Bowling, heating and water plant operator, with 33 years of service; John E. Collis, University Store director, 40 years; Myrtle Derrison, library assistant, 12 years; Cecil Ray Ferguson, custodian, 22 years; Marie Fuoss, food service worker, 21 years.

James Maggard, locksmith, 20 years; Faye McEneaney, custodian, 20 years; Forrest Glenn McClurg, bus driver, 26 years; Anna Lee Morrison, food service worker, 39 years; and Carlton Lee Uley, carpenter, 11 years.

Mrs. Bentley will retire Sept. 1 after 19 years. A former business education teacher at the junior college and high school, she earned the B.S. degree from Troy State University and her M.A. degree from MSU. She has been a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the Kentucky Library Association.

Dr. Bigham, a former Department of Music chair, retired effective May 13 after 23 years at MSU with professor emeritus rank. Active in numerous professional organizations, he served as president of the Kentucky Music Educators' Association and has been a member of the Music Educators' National Conference, the International Clarinet Society and the Society for Research in Music Education.

A native of Tennessee, Dr. Bigham earned the B.M.E. degree from Murray State University, the M.M. degree from the University of Miami and his doctorate from Florida State University.

## 1988 Panasonic product Purchasers

According to the State Attorney General, students who purchased certain Panasonic products in 1988 may be eligible for a refund of up to \$45, settling a lawsuit filed by 49 Attorneys General.

"The settlement providing these consumer refunds was made possible by states cooperating quickly and effectively to address a multi-state problem," Cowan said. "Now we're working together to make consumers aware that these refunds are available."

The suit charged Matsushita (Panasonic) Electric Corporation of America with forcing retailers to sell Panasonic and Technics products at fixed maximum prices. The complaint also alleged that Panasonic threatened to stop doing business with dealers who refused to comply.

As a result, students and other consumers were overcharged on

items such as camcorders, VCR's, cordless phones, answering machines and stereo equipment. This is a violation of federal and state antitrust laws, according to Cowan.

Under terms of the settlement, consumers who sent in warranty cards or who contacted the Attorney General's Office of Panasonic will automatically receive refund checks. Others can apply for a refund by calling 1-800-553-1739, or write to:

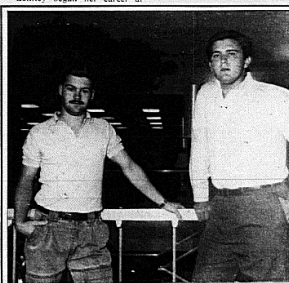
Panasonic Antitrust Settlement Fund Administrator  
P.O. Box 96678  
Washington, D.C. 20097

The deadline for students and other consumers to mail claim forms is November 2. Final approval of the settlement is expected in January 1990, with checks being mailed sometimes in February or March.

Camden Carroll Library in 1969. She has been a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the Kentucky Library Association.

There was a retirement reception May 10 in the Learning Resource Center from 2-4 p.m.

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MSU's Mark "Smart" McCall, left, a Lawrenceburg freshman, and Jim Holbrook, a Jackson junior, will serve as Eagle mascots for the 1989-90 academic year. Photo: Ray Bradley.

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# THE FORUM

## Powell rises rapidly

The most powerful position in the American Military structure has once again changed hands, as Admiral Crowe steps down. The new Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is different in several ways.

President Bush passed over at least 12 senior officers to name him as the new Chairman/JCS.

He has earned his four-star generalship in only 10 years.

He is the son of Jamaican immigrant.

He is only 52 years old.

He is black.

General Colin Powell is an extraordinary man who has not let his color or background hinder his rise to the top.

Powell was born into the tough neighborhoods of Harlem in the early 1930's. He entered the military and commanded troops in Vietnam. During that tour, he and his family waged battles on two fronts.

While he served the U.S. in that unpopular war, his father-in-law was quarantining his family in Alabama during the early and violent throes of the Civil Rights Movement.

In the late 1960's, he was the anomaly: a black colonel in a sea of white officers in the Pentagon.

Though he has always been more at home with the troops in the field, he has constantly been called to advisory duties in Washington under Presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan.

He was Reagan's top security advisor and closest confidant in the last 14 months of his administration. Powell sat in on every major security meeting held with world leaders and when he spoke, they listened.

Powell was mentioned several times as a dark horse candidate for the Republican Vice Presidential nomination, but did not receive it. Instead, before leaving office, President Reagan saw to it that Powell gained his fourth star.

Now, two weeks ago, Bush named Powell to head the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Powell is a man to look up to, whether black, white or any other race.

"Don't let anyone tell you you're limited because you're black or from an inner city ghetto," he recently told a school audience. "The only thing that should ever be a limitation in your life is your own dreams."

He fought prejudice, racism, and poverty, and did it his way.

Powell is a man of temperament and experience, and one to look for in the near future as a potential candidate for the presidency or vice presidency.

We believe Bush made a good choice in overlooking so many Pentagon military politicians in naming Powell. He's good for the country, both because he can handle the most powerful military post in the world, and because he is an example for people of all races in what can be accomplished if one but tries.

## Safe sex is everyone's responsibility

Now that MSU's campus has returned to life, many experiences face all students. Acclamation to a new environment, exposure to the college experience and social intercourse are three primary activities which will occur to all students.

Social intercourse is the most common element which happens to any student. It is normal for two people to be drawn close together, and as a result of social intercourse, intimacy often occurs between people.

Intimacy exposes an inbred instinct within all creatures. That is the reproduction of the species instinct.

Without parental restrictions, students quickly realize they are free to exercise options never before open to them. Obviously, the reproductive instinct has been around since the beginning of time. Many students can be overwhelmed by it.

Parents can not communicate the facts of life to their offsprings. Siblings must discover the facts of life through personal experience. Many young people, once exposed to the bright side of sex, totally disregard the dark side. They enjoy the pleasure, self-satisfaction and the self-gratification aspects of sex, but forget the dark side which can result in pregnancy, diseases, and death.

There are various options available to students so they do not experience the dark side of sex. Abstinence, condoms, common sense and other forms of protection can assist the student from becoming sick, pregnant, or dying because of this natural inbred instinct.

It is everyone's responsibility to act in the best interest of each other. If you can not abstain from this instinct, take some form of protective action. Ensure you never experience or expose others to the dark side of sex. Protective devices are small and are easily transported. Use them if your first line of defense, will-power, fails.



## The Trail Blazer: A new look built on old values

By the time you get to this editorial, older students will have noticed changes in both in the appearance and style of *The Trail Blazer*. We hope that it is both attractive and utilitarian and will be a looked-for addition to your weekly reading.

The content and message of the paper will continue the same high standards set by the last (and one of the best) editors *The Trail Blazer* ever had, Jennifer Brooks. The newspaper will continue to operate on the principle of investigative rather than stenographic and PR journalism, carrying stories both of interest and importance to the entire MSU family: students, faculty, staff and administration.

One of the main criticisms of *The Trail Blazer* by administrative officials, a few faculty members and elected student officials last semester was that there was "too much negativism".

What must be remembered is that this newspaper is not in the PR business. MSU has an office specifically for public relations and another for media relations. The job of *The Trail Blazer* is to not only act as simply a teaching laboratory for journalism students but to be the legitimate newspaper of MSU. In that respect, our job is not simply to entertain, but to bring problems to the light of public scrutiny, hopefully for correction. This is the privilege of a free and truthful press, which is democracy's best defense.

*The Trail Blazer* will also carry on Brooks' evenhanded policies, allowing those with differing or dissenting views equal time on the Forum pages without rebuttal or comment.

By now you might have noted that there are two sections to *The Trail Blazer*. The first section contains the news, both off and on campus, and the Forum pages. The second B is titled "MSU TODAY". Its front page will carry important campus stories of a lighter vein than that of the front and news pages. The rest of the section will not only contain the Sports and Entertainment pages, but has two new additions.

The first is "Fine Arts", which will contain news concerning our own artists, sculptors, dramatic works such as plays, forensics, and state and local fine art news of interest to students.

The second new page will be "Campus Life" which will attempt to keep tabs on all 96 clubs and organizations on campus, be they Greek, religious, sports, academic, philanthropic or social. On these pages will generally be found the events formerly listed on page two under the heading, MSU Briefly.

Other changes will be the addition of a "Weather Wizard" block on the front page, lower right hand corner giving the National Weather Service's forecast for the coming week for your convenience.

On the second news page will be a round-up of the previous week's major news stories, both on an international, national, state and local level.

On the back of the second section will be the lighter side, with comic strips, cartoons and an enjoyable crossword puzzle. If this page is not totally in place, bear with us; we are at the mercy of distributors, and it may take a week or so until they catch up with us.

Finally you will note the change in headings, titles and graphics. As editor, I have decided to allow each editor almost complete latitude on their respective page(s). The reasons are twofold.

First, I have gathered together the best available people, all of whom are both truly dedicated and interested in their section and it's contents. These editors and reporters are folks who are willing to bend over backward to please you the reader, whether a member of the student body, faculty, staff, administration or one of our subscribers in the 23 states *The Trail Blazer* serves.

Second, I'm smart enough to know that I can't do it all and don't know enough about certain topics (i.e., sports, fine arts, or entertainment) to work up to my own personal standards.

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure, then, that we present this premiere issue of the 1989-90 *Trail Blazer*.

## Letters to editor.....

### Why did it happen to us?

Editor:

For a few months now, our "beloved" campus has been undergoing some underground changes. This has caused lots of inconveniences for "walkaholics" like me and people with cars, of course.

Inasmuch as we appreciate seeing our campus meet up to standards to its counterparts, people living in married housing are not happy and do not appreciate our electricity being shut off and on whenever it pleases the university.

I think this university went beyond imagination this past two weeks—precisely on the 10th of August—when technical problems caused the people living in Lakewood Terrace housing units to stay without electricity from 9 am to 10 pm. This is really out of proportion. Why should Lakewood Terrace residents be made to pay for the inconsistencies or technical problems caused by the construction workers? Even as at this moment, this university did not consider it decent enough to apologize to us or even compensate us for the foods that went sour or bad.

As if that wasn't enough, we were informed that the power will be off from 7 am to 4 pm on Saturday August 12th—but to my greatest surprise, in the middle of my fixing lunch, the gas suddenly went off, too. I tried calling the president (Grote) to see if we can have lunch at his place, unfortunately he wasn't home. I also took the maintenance one agonizing hour to fix it. Now people, what do you call that b.s.? Technical problems? I figured.

What ever happened to the morals of this once fine institution? I think the people concerned should set their priorities straight and may even ponder on why there are so many chaotic conditions on this campus? Why are the students pouring out so much grievances against the administration? Why is this university so much more interested in the student's money rather than their academics and physical well being?

I don't know about anybody but I think the university should remember us for the hours that we went without electricity.

I know there is a lot of b.s. going on on this campus but why should we be used as scapegoats? We are humans too!

Teresa Obiba  
Communications Graduate  
Student



# THE FORUM

## The flag amendment controversy: Pro

### The U.S. needs a flag amendment

By MITCH MCCONNELL  
U.S. Senator for Kentucky

In late June, the Supreme Court handed down a decision that shocked and outraged the nation. By a five to four decision, the eight men and one woman who are charged with interpreting the Constitution ruled that burning the American flag is a protected form of free speech and within the guidelines of the law. Their decision strikes down a Texas law that makes flag-burning a criminal offense and casts into doubt the legality of flag-burning laws throughout the rest of the United States.

I look with shame upon the Court's ruling and I believe that it is a slap in the face to the men and women who have been called to serve this country, and the tens of thousands who have laid down their lives for the ideals that are embodied in the Stars and Stripes. The Founding Fathers realized that free speech, the right to protest and dissent, would form the keystone of our new democracy. I believe in free speech, but I do not believe burning the flag is an expression of that freedom -- in fact, I have cosponsored legislation to prohibit the desecration of the flag.

The bill I am supporting was introduced by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) and calls for a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. To date, the amendment can count on the support of 53 out of the necessary 87 votes needed for the legislation to pass the Senate. Dole has stated that there should be no trouble picking up the other 14 votes when the amendment is voted upon in October. Once the amendment clears Congress, it will be sent to state legislatures, including Kentucky's, for passage. If three-fourths of the states agree to adopt the amendment, it will be added to the Constitution and become law.

The flag is both symbol and monument to our struggle for freedom. Our journey from a ragged, loosely-knit band of 13 colonies to a world superpower has not been an easy one. In times of trouble, Americans have never hesitated to step forward and answer the call to arms. Many of our finest sons and daughters have made the supreme sacrifice so that our country and democracy might endure. It is for their sacrifices, and those yet to come, that a constitutional amendment to protect the flag must be passed.



## The flag amendment controversy: Con

### A flag is a piece of cloth, but the eagle is the living spirit of America

By Ed Darrah  
Forum Contributor

The so-called conservative U.S. Supreme Court has created a storm of controversy this summer. The Court's five to four decision regarding freedom of expression divided this country. There is no middle of the road position. Either you support it or you are offended by it.

The intention of the Court's decision was to protect every American's rights under the provisions of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Court refused to dilute the true meaning of the First Amendment. This amendment has been around as long as the Constitution itself. The First Amendment is the cornerstone on which all personal freedom are based in this country. Personal freedoms, guaranteed by the First Amendment, are larger than life. They must be protected against attack from both interior and exterior enemies.

President Bush and many members of Congress have demonstrated their objection to the Court's decision. That is what the First Amendment is all about in the first place. Many people consider the American Flag as our national symbol and must be protected against desecration by anyone or any group. If these people are so concerned about this single issue, why do these same people fail to demonstrate their objection to poaching and the destruction of the American Bald Eagle which occurs daily.

The American Bald Eagle is truly the symbol of America. There is only one American Bald Eagle species. It is a living and breathing creature just like all Americans. No one can guess the number of flags which have been made representing this country during the past 213 years.

The American Bald Eagle appears more often as this country's symbol than the flag. The eagle appears on the Great Seal of the United States, and on both the seals of the President and Vice-President of the United States. It is on every quarter and dollar bill. It appears on every identification card issued to all members of the United States Armed Forces. On these examples, the American Bald Eagle is prominently displayed as the American symbol and the flag does not.

Why has the President and many members of Congress decided to make this single issue such a big deal? Our elected officials are using the flag burning issue to camouflage the real issues which confront every American citizen. Both the executive and many members of the legislative branches of the federal government demand a Constitutional Amendment to protect the flag from desecration. Why doesn't these same groups demand a Constitutional Amendment to balance the federal budget to ensure this country does not go into bankruptcy in the near future? A day does not go by without someone warning the American people we are in serious financial difficulties.

The purpose of the proposed Constitutional Amendment is to prevent desecration of the American Flag. Who will interpret what is desecration and what is not? Will the President's wife be prevented from ever wearing a flag as a

What do you think?

scarf like she did earlier this year? What is the acceptable manner in which an individual is supposed to dispose of an old and tattered flag? The person is supposed to burn it. Will the provisions of the proposed amendment make an exception to this procedure? Let's get serious about this entire mess. Will the federal government create a large agency just to inspect old and tattered flags to ensure they meet federal standards so they can be burnt without violating the provisions of the proposed amendment? What would be the new federal standards so flags could be disposed of without violating the provisions of the proposed amendment? Will it cost us \$10 billion dollars for this new bureaucracy?

The real intent of this proposed Constitutional Amendment would be to abridge personal freedoms in this country which are guaranteed by the First Amendment. Why does the President and many members of Congress consider this a landmark case? In the past, there have been many groups of people who did not like people demonstrating their objections of the government's actions. There has been many attempts during the past 213 years this country has been in existence to water-down the provisions of the First Amendment. That was because certain elected officials thought it was in their best interest, not America's best interest to do so. All these attempts have failed and this proposed amendment must also fail. The decision rendered by the Supreme Court reaffirms the intentions of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as written by our forefathers.

Our forefathers fought and died for this country because of their belief in personal freedoms. Today our forefathers would be considered anarchist, insurrectionists, demagogues, and radicals by our elected officials because of their beliefs. They were not afraid to voice their opposition to oppression. Do you believe it was a total accident these same people were responsible for writing both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution which includes the Bill of Rights? Do you think it was a fluke in world history when these two documents became a living and breathing form of government which has survive as long as it has?

The most important thing the Supreme Court did was to enforce the true meaning of personal freedoms in this country. No one can ever be permitted to suppress the meaning of the First Amendment, no matter what. If that dark day ever is permitted to happen, that will be the day America starts down the path into extinction.

The American people must never forget it is easy for a politician to wrap themselves in a flag. That is especially true with elections scheduled for November 1990. The American people would become furious if a politician would attempt to wrap themselves with the carcass of an American Bald Eagle. Which is the most serious crime, killing a living and breathing true symbol of America, or burning a piece of multi-colored cloth?

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# FEATURE

## WMKY'S new format IS NICE AND EASY !!!

By Bill Buchanan  
Entertainment Editor

Change is something many people are apprehensive about. Change (according to Webster's Dictionary) means a passing from one state or form to another. Change also means to evolve into something better.

The one thing that has evolved at WMKY is the quality of their programming. The original mission statement hasn't changed:

"WMKY is licensed to Morehead State University as a non-commercial educational radio station which will provide a diversity of programming designed to enlighten, enrich, and entertain people of its service region. The efforts of the station will focus upon the informational and cultural needs of the region served by its broadcast signal."

"WMKY will broadcast a variety of programs in recognizing the role of the University within the region and the role of public radio to provide alternatives to commercial media. WMKY will meaningfully reflect the 'public' in public radio through the ascertainment of needs, the input of an advisory, and the involvement of students and community volunteers."

The reason for the change was simple. Dwindling listenership and the promise (in the above mission statement) to serve the needs of the region. WMKY's efforts during the eighties to increase classical music and fine arts alienated a large part of their service region.

"We (WMKY) have to expand our commitment to the greater price spectrum," said WMKY General Manager Larry Nether-

The main problem the station has seen has been reaction from the few classical music fans that WMKY had left. A petition drive is supposed to be circulating demanding that WMKY abandon their new format and return to programming classical music.

Classical music is no longer the dominant format of public radio. Public radio is evolving in order to serve the 'public.' That means rethinking programming to fit the needs of a whole community not just a limited few.

Surveys from major radio research firms like Arbitron and Birch have repeatedly showed the dwindling support for classical music nationwide. Actually even in large urban areas less than three percent of the population respond to classical programming.

WMKY has joined the future with a new blend of educated, adult music. Program Director Daniel Pizaro has blended seven unique elements into a sophisticated, contemporary music format. The new sound contains:

(1) traditional refined jazz with big band artists like Benny Goodman; (2) the new wave of fusion jazz artists like Spizz Goro, Lee Ritenour, and Earl Klugh; (3) the Great Vocal Artists like Nat 'King' Cole, Frank Sinatra, and Ella Fitzgerald singing ballads, jazz and blues standards; (4) the New Jazz Ballad Artists like Al Jarreau, Michael Franks, and Diane Schuur; (5) the Best of (Melodic) New Age Sound from Windham Hill and Narada artists; (6) the New Acoustic Musicians like Leo Kottke and Tony Rice; and (7) Nostalgic Adult Contemporary with James Taylor, Carole King, Simon &

Garfunkel, Cat Stevens, and Jim Croce just to name a few.

Pizaro calls his new blend "Nice 'N' Easy." The show airs from 9:00 a.m. to noon with Pizaro and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with acting Music and Fine Arts Director Paul Hirsch. Paul and Daniel create an atmosphere that's comfortable and intimate to make weekdays a little less like weekdays.

Before making this drastic change, the music blend was tested on "Morning Lite" which was replaced by "Nice 'N' Easy." "Morning Lite" proved that the music was not only acceptable to the region, but liked as well. On July third, WMKY premiered it's new sound to the dismay of some and the delight of others.

According to Pizaro, some negative response to the demise of the classical programming occurred right after the change, but recently the tide has turned and the positive reactions outweigh the negative.

Most of the negative response has come from the music faculty at Morehead State University. Letters from the music faculty received by WMKY contained some very interesting responses to the new format:

"Cameliding"—Dr. Frederick Mueller, MSU Professor of Music.

"You can use all of the adjectives you desire to try to make when you have done palatable but truly it amounts to slaughter. There was a good blend of folk, traditional, blues, jazz and classical music before you made this drastic change. What you have now is just 'elevator music....'"—Mr & Mrs John K. Stetler, Mrs. Stetler is an MSU

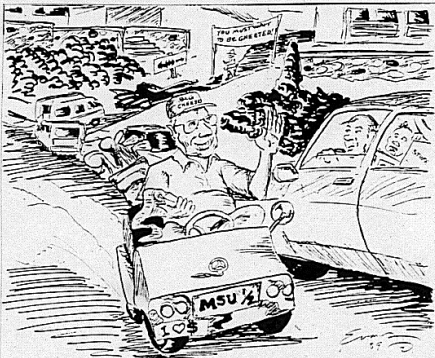
Associate Professor of Music. "Perhaps you were not aware of the appreciation so many of us felt for the outstanding classical music programming on 90.3. It was an oasis in a sea of banal trash."—Suzanne Blair, MSU Assistant Professor of Music.

Hey, do you see a pattern here? My question is: Does music have to be written by a dead European to be considered "enriching and entertaining?" Are we "teaching" our students that to fully appreciate music, you must be an elitist snob? I hope not.

The response from other sectors of the university and the community have been positive. "You've done a good job providing your audience with as well

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# FEATURE

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balanced a programming schedule as any reasonable person could expect. Your changes are welcomed and appreciated."—Dennis Karwaka, MSU Associate Professor of Industrial Education  
"I want to thank you and your staff for the new programming—I love it!!!!!!"—Donna Reynolds Spangler

"I am pleased with the wide range of interests our university radio station spans. Keep up the good work and we will keep listening to 90.3."—Mike Gilliam

"I am greatly pleased to say the least. Finally, there is something for every listener...Thanks for the broad spectrum as I believe the needs of a fine university and community of listeners are being met now that programming is in the capable hands of such talented individuals."—Sandy Knipp

"I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed listening to 'Nice

'N Easy.' My tastes in music are broad and the selections cover almost all of them."—Mark Lewis

In referring to the elitist attitudes taken by some of the classical music listeners towards the new format, MSU Graduate Student John Black said "It's a shame that the some of the most educated people on this campus are also the most ignorant."

The community response has been positive to the changes with the obvious exception of the dozen or so listeners from classical music listeners. WMKY has not abandoned classical music entirely on Sunday morning they still present "Music from Europe," two hours of classical symphony orchestra performances from the major metropolitan European orchestras.

Before the changeover, WMKY was approximately only 20 to 25 percent classical music, but it was the dominant format. No one wanted the success of classical music more than Nether-

ton.

"We would have tried to maintain classical music, but the listener decline was so drastic and when it reached 60 percent, we had no choice but to consider other alternatives."

"Bill McIntosh, former Music and Fine Arts Director, did an excellent job, but as we increased our emphasis on classical music, our emphasis dwindled all the more," said Netherton.

McIntosh who has a Master's Degree in Music from MSU recently married and moved to Ohio. He is now due jockeying for a commercial radio station in Piqua, Ohio and now, ironically, programs and announces adult contemporary radio.

Another less controversial change at WMKY is the increased emphasis on News and Public Affairs. WMKY now has news on the hour from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also more local and regional newscasts were added to keep listeners informed. This was not possible with classical pro-

gramming due to the length of symphonies and movements. The news department is interested in students who want to be broadcast journalists. If you wish to volunteer, intern or apply for a workstudy in news, contact Mistie Cook at 783-2001.

The sports department is also interested in quality volunteers, interns, and workstudies. All Sports Director Chuck Mirazaks is that you be willing to learn and love sports.

The one thing that WMKY lacks at this time is more student involvement. Currently, the only completely student-produced and programmed show is "On The Rise" with Sandi Leah. From 11:00 p.m. until the witching hour Sandi plays a broad mix of rhythm and blues from the top of today's dance charts. Sandi also keeps her listeners informed on campus events and takes requests.

Currently, WMKY is considering the addition of more student-oriented programming. If you have any ideas and would like to host a show, contact Daniel Picano at 783-2001.

"If this greater variety in our music permits this format to be more acceptable among students then we are happy about that. We did not target this demographic, but if students feel inspired to work in this atmosphere we are eager to utilize qualified volunteers, interns, and workstudies. We are convinced that the practical experience will be invaluable in their professional development," said Netherton.

WMKY still has a ways to go before their new programming gains wide acceptance. But I have to admit (to paraphrase Neil Armstrong) it's one small step for MSU and one giant leap for WMKY's service region.

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"We are going to bring Morehead State University's average faculty salary to a level equal to the average faculty salary in Kentucky's regional universities. Furthermore, each person employed at this university must be held accountable in terms of how their work benefits students, and we feel the leadership for the successful development and implementation of this system rests with the president and administration of Morehead State University."

So, the question has been asked, and the matches have been desired off to the president, administration and Board of Regents? It would appear so, but according to a student representative, only time will tell if the effects are long lasting or simply cosmetic.

## Holbrook

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because the University "is a city within itself in most respects," he said. "We hit almost the population of Morehead and we're not spread out as much."

Another aspect of the job is dealing with all different types of people effectively.

"You may deal with totally different age groups and categories each day," he stated. "You may need to handle each differently."

Public Safety officers can take advantage of some social agencies in the city and University counseling services, but University policemen go one step further than other officers, according to Holbrook.

"Our officers try to assist people at the scene a little more," he stated, because most of the students here are in a transitional period, on their own for the first time.

"We take special care and consideration," he said, adding that University officers are not able to handle all cases but may give that little bit of advice that may be needed.

University officers are put through the same training center as the city and county police for 10 weeks, plus undergo an additional minimum 40 hours in-service per year.

Holbrook went on to state some areas where Public Safety may do more than is ordinarily

required of other police officers: building security, services to the University community, enforcement of University regulations that aren't criminal acts, student life contact and more assistance with injured students.

The University officer may go with an injured person to the hospital to inform someone who would want to check on the student, such as a hall director or roommate.

"That's a luxury you wouldn't have if injured off-campus," Holbrook said.

People sometimes have a wrong view of law enforcement officers, according to Holbrook. He stated that sometimes officers are required by job responsibilities and their own of making a mistake.

Holbrook has been trying to strike a balance between being overly aggressive and being passive in situations.

The method he uses is being "proactive" rather than reactive, working toward preventing some things happening before they do by looking at national trends.

Public Safety is constantly looking for patterns. Holbrook stated, so the effect can change patrol tactics where there are great risks of crime occurring in certain areas.

"We can call and concentrate efforts more but it takes time and effort," he said. "We look at why something isn't fitting the pattern and make alterations."

## College of A & S announces administration changes for '89-'90 academic year

Morehead State University's College of Arts and Sciences has announced the following administrative changes for the 1989-90 academic year.

Dr. Eugene O. Young, professor of English, and Dr. Ronald L. Fiel, professor of science, will serve as acting chairs of the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy and the Department of Physical Sciences, respectively.

"We will initiate a national search in the near future to fill these posts on a permanent basis," said Dr. John C. Phillely, MSU, College of Arts and Sciences dean.

In addition, James P. Dahlberg, assistant professor of government, has been appointed coordinator of the Paralegal Studies program, succeeding Kay Schafer, associate professor of government, who returned to full-time teaching.

## Professor of education named interim dean for Graduate and Special Academic Programs

Dr. Dan Thomas, Morehead State University professor of education, has been named interim dean of Graduate and Special Academic Programs for the institution.

Dr. Bernard Davis, who was temporarily assigned those duties, is now interim associate dean for the School of Business and Economics, according to Dr. Taylor. A search also will be launched for a permanent associate dean. The previous dean, Dr. William Whisker, resigned to take a similar post in Georgia.

Dr. Thomas, a Leslie Co. native, joined the MSU faculty in 1969 as an instructor and counselor at University Breckinridge School. A former acting dean of the School of Education, he coordinated the 1988 National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education study and was co-chair of a previous NCATE study.

## WMKY Highlights

Weekdays:

Nice 'N' Easy: A new show! Our own adult music blends the best of the standards, new acoustic, and fusion, along with news, weather and sports at the top of the hour - 9:00 AM 'til 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday

On the Rise: Sandi Leah plays Rhythm and blues from the top of the charts, accepts requests and keeps you informed on campus news - 11:00 PM - 12 AM Monday through Friday

Wednesday, August 23

The Big Band Stand: March off to war...music from World War II takes center stage today and next week - 10 PM

Thursday, August 24

Soundprint: Covering a wide variety of human-interest and current events. This award-winning series uses sound recordings in the aural equivalent of photojournalism - 6:30 PM

Friday, August 25

The Thistle and Shamrock: The Factory Girl & Other Tales...Many songs from Scotland and Ireland reveal a division between the gentry and the working class.

When love attempts to cross this barrier, the ballad makers are especially inspired - 8:00 PM

Saturday, August 26

The Parent's Journal: An award-winning interview and call-in program for parents. This week's program is "All about Preschools" - 7:00 PM

A Prairie Home Companion:

Garrison Keillor is coming back! His new live show debuts in November; meanwhile, we bring you selected programs and specials from past seasons. A Prairie Home Companion is the classic live-performance music/humor/storytelling show that set the standard for the rest!

Sunday, August 27

Sentimental Journey: Broad-

cast veteran Bill Hickock takes you on a musical journey back in time to remember the entertainers, the newsmakers and the trendsetters on one particular day in history - 2:00 PM

Family Talk: Live call-in show

allows listeners to discuss family issues with a panel of parents and educational specialists. Topics include educational reform, drug abuse and sexual abuse. Call in number - 1-800-999-2696 - 9:00 PM

## State Lottery equals 976-LAFF

"Congratulations! We at the State Lottery Commission are happy to inform you that you are the winner of the chance drawing worth \$1 million..."

That's the message in letters being sent to consumers throughout Kentucky in the marked "State Lottery Notification" with the return address listed as "State Lottery Commission," according to State Attorney General Frederic J. Conaway.

Keith B. Hunter, General Counsel for the Kentucky Lottery Corporation, has received calls from several consumers inquiring whether or not the letters are part of the Kentucky Lottery promotion. He stated that these solicitations are not affiliated with the Kentucky Lottery Corporation.

The letter reads that the money is tax free and will be distributed in \$75,000 increments. The letter is signed by Robert Gatlin with a Frankfort address, but the Attorney General's Office has found it to be fictitious.

The letter instructs the consumer to contact the "State Lottery Commission" within one week at 976-5233. The number, which spells out 976-LAFF, contains a selection of pre-recorded jokes. There are no winners and it is only an inducement to get consumers to call the number.

Students and other consumers receiving one of these phony lottery letters should be aware that they do not originate with the Kentucky Lottery, and are now under investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office.

If you would like to file a consumer complaint, contact the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 201 S. Clark Street, Frankfort, KY, 40601, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline at 1-800-432-9257.

## Why is it....?

Can Someone Tell Us Why?

Why do students always gripe that there is nothing to do on the weekends, but always go home to mommy and daddy?

Why does President Grothe have so many parking places (this summer he had 5, plus his garage), is he running a used car lot on the side?

Why does the electricity get turned off so much in Married Housing, is someone doing a research project on how much stress these people can take or how fast their food spoils?

Why do students complain about the temperature in the dorms? The university provides six months of heat and six months of air-conditioning (in certain dorms). Someone does need to explain that heat is needed in the winter and air-conditioning in the summer.

Why is it that wherever Dr. Grote goes student protests follow (yes, he was in China right before the violence)?

Why is it that everytime I log into the Morehead State computer system, Pac-man gets his revenge?

Why is it that Salmaan Rushdie is condemned to death, but the MSU Administration still lives?

Why is the financial aid department full by workshops?

Why do Roach Motel seem to have more room than MSU Residence Halls?

Why does the firealarm always ring at night when your dreams have hit a peak and your sheets are sweaty?

Why is it when I'm dying for caffeine, the campus coke machines always eat my money?

Why is it that every desk on campus always seems to large or too small?

Why does Rader Hall work better than sleeping pills on any given morning?

Why is asbestos still in Alumni Tower?

Why does Eagle Lake look like the home of the Creature from the Black Lagoon?

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Why is it the dorm director always knocks on the door when you're watching "Debbie does the Devil in Dallas?"

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## Over 3,000 pack Ellis T. Johnson arena for Spring Commencement

By S. NEVADA WEBB  
Editor

The 13th is usually considered bad luck, but not to recent graduates of Morehead State University. On Saturday, May 13th, in Johnson Arena at the Academic-Academic Complex, over 600 men and women received masters, bachelor or associate degrees.

Over 3,000 family members and friends listened as MSU President C. Nelson Grote told the graduates that they were joining an elite; only 11 percent of Kentuckians have college degrees.

"You can make a great deal of difference in the nation and the Commonwealth," he said.

He urged the graduates to continue their educations, stating that the quality of their lives depended upon it.

Grote also said the quality of MSU's faculty was recognized not only in Kentucky, but nationally and internationally.

Joyce Planck, daughter of Barbara Young and Physical Plant Director Joe Planck, was the student speaker.

"MSU's laid the foundation for your decisions," she said.

Planck told her fellow graduates that everyone could be anything he or she wanted to be. She shared with them four words she said she lived with since pledging Chi Omega sorority: "To be discouraged, never."

She told her audience to always keep a broad outlook as their future unfolded.

"The narrower your outlook and definition of the world," Planck warned, "the more obsolete you are likely to become."

She reminded the audience to never forget the friends they made at MSU.

Planck, a 4.0 student, is a member of both Phi Kappa Phi and the Greek Order of Omega honor societies. She was named Outstanding Student in the Department of Geography, Government and History and is now attending Chase Law School.

The MSU Alumni Association welcomed the new graduates after the conferral of degrees.



Joyce Planck, student speaker at Spring Commencement, tells students, "to be discouraged, never". Photo: Ray Bradley

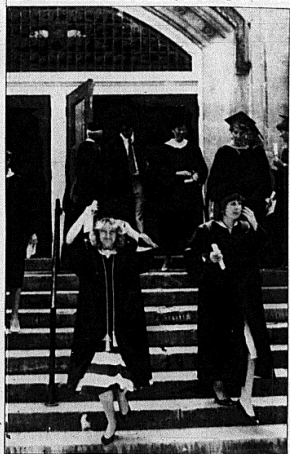


A happy group of Theta Chi graduates just before Spring Commencement ceremonies, and their "little sister". Photo: Tim Conn



Becky Purdy gets ready to carry the banner for the College of Applied Sciences and Technology into Johnson Arena for Spring Commencement. Photo: Ray Bradley

## 109 Graduate During Summer Commencement Ceremonies



Summer Commencement over, the new grads leave in a hurry. Photo: Tina Hicks

By STEVE N. WEBB II  
Campus Life Editor

The place: Button Auditorium. The date: August 5, 1989. The time: 1:30 p.m. The event: Summer Commencement 1989.

Morehead State University President Dr. C. Nelson Grote began the commencement exercises with introductions of each college dean, each Regent and speaker Jill Lacy Ratliff.

Ratliff earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and cited the support of her husband and two children as keys to her successful college career.

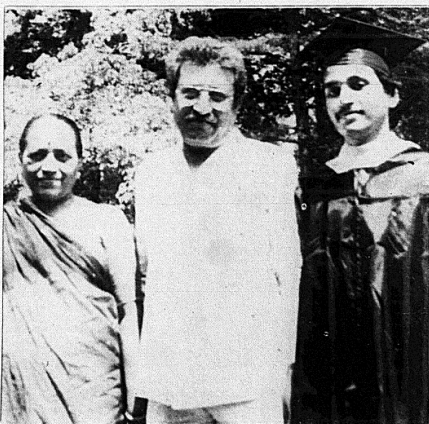
Ratliff will be teaching this fall at Menifee County High School.

The Regents present were William Colfield of Frankfort, H. B. Gilliam of Olive Hill and Jerry F. Howell of Jackson.

After Ratliff's speech Grote presented diplomas to 33 students of the masters degree, 63 students of the bachelors degree and 13 students of the associates degree.

After receiving their diplomas, the graduates were inducted into the Alumni Association by Lisa Browning.

Following the commencement the Grottes hosted a reception sponsored by the Alumni Association for the graduates and their families at the Crager Ball Room in the Adron Doran University Center.



Spring Commencement saw the graduation of many foreign students, with some parents making the long trek to the U.S. to share in their sons and daughters' achievements. It's doubtful that anyone came as far as Devchand Kettoji Motta's parents, Devchand Hirjeq and Javer Ben Devchand Motta, who came from Bombay, India, specifically for the ceremony. Photo: Tina Hicks

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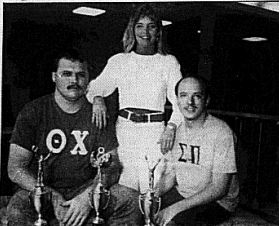
# CAMPUS LIFE

## It's GREEK to me... Welcome To

### Campus Life



Lori Hawkins "Greek Woman of the Year" is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and was president of the Panhellenic Council. (Photo by Ray Bradley)



Presidents of the winning Greek Week organizations received trophies on behalf of their members. From left to right: Steve Wingo Theta Chi, Sherry Dickson Delta Gamma and Chris Bryan Sigma Pi. (Photo by Ray Bradley)



The Interfraternity Council members for the 1989-90 academic year, from left, John Danes, vice president for finance; Dan Widmayer, vice president for membership; Rick Whelan, president; Harold Wallace, secretary, and Michael Porter vice president for administration. (Photo by Ray Bradley)



"Greek Advisers of the Year" Diane Cox adviser for Delta Gamma sorority and John Alcorn adviser for Theta Chi fraternity. (Photo by Ray Bradley)

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Many complaints were received during Spring Semester that we missed or failed to print what such-and-such organization was doing. Some was our fault, but it is hard to keep track of 96 organizations with a limited staff.

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103 Breckinridge Hall  
attention Campus Life Editor

The deadline for each issue of the paper is Friday. Anything received after this date will be run in the following week's edition.

### Vet Tech Program re-accredited

Morehead State University's Veterinary Technology Program has received full re-accreditation status through Dec. 1991 from the American Veterinary Medical Association.

"MSU is one of only 40 schools in the nation with full accreditation," said Dr. Donald Aplegate, program coordinator. "This will greatly increase the credibility of our program."

### Altman Receives

#### Scholarship

Joan Marie Altman of Jasper, Ind., a Morehead State University junior, has received a 100,000 pesetas (\$870) scholarship from the Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericana in Madrid, Spain and \$500 from Sigma Delta Phi, national hispanic honor society.

She was the only American undergraduate student to receive and ICI award this year, according to ICI.

The daughter of Ray and Ruth Altman, she is a Spanish-English major and a tutor in the MSU learning lab. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Gamma Beta Phi honor societies.

### Lambda To Hold Watermelon Bust

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity will be hosting a watermelon bust on the Laughlin Health Building lawn on August 23, at 5 p.m.

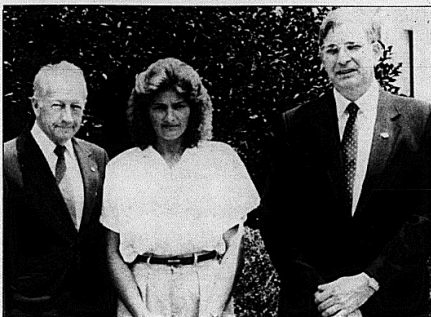
President Grote and other faculty and staff will be in attendance. After a welcoming speech, Grote has agreed to throw out the first melon.

A "watermelon bust" is a inter-greek competition having to do with watermelon related events, such as seed-spitting, watermelon tossing and a watermelon shuffle, to name but a few.

"The most exciting event," according to Mark "Smurf" Metcalf, "is the crowning of Miss Watermelon Bust."

To win the event, he said, the judges will choose the female that shows the most charm.

Metcalf urges anyone and everyone to attend and have a laid back, easy time.



The newly elected Staff Congress officers for the 1989-90 year, are, from left, Bill Mahaney, vice chair; Sue M. Townsend, secretary, and Larry Stephenson, chair. (Photo by Tim Conn)



James A. Fluty

### Fluty named new MSU comptroller

James A. Fluty of Morehead has been appointed as comptroller at Morehead State University.

Fluty, a certified public accountant, fills a vacancy created with the appointment of former comptroller Ray Pinner to director of budgets and management information.

As comptroller, Fluty will be responsible for the University's accounting and financial reporting activities, according to Michael R. Walters, MSU assistant vice president for fiscal services.

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# The Fine Arts



## Students gain experience, connections from summer theatre performances

BY LARRY S. EVANS II  
Fine Arts Editor

Dreams of working in a professional theater company are not always merely dreams. In the case of several MSU students, this summer holds those dreams a chance at reality.

*The Lost Colony* in Manteo, North Carolina was the largest employer of MSU thespians. This musical melodrama concerns the attempts of Sir Walter Raleigh to found a colony there in the sixteenth century.

Appearing in this production were Chance Pennington, junior; Bruce Brooks, senior; John Barrett, senior; all of Morehead; David Dunaway, sophomore; and Maria Rosen, May graduate; both from Harrison, Ohio.

Se Layne, Morehead sophomore, and Krys Lynam, a

Cynthiana sophomore, performed in *Shogun* by Becky Thatcher in Marietta, Ohio.

*Trumper* in the *Land in New Philadelphia*, Ohio featured Catterburg senior Ladoina Hammond.

Closer to home Dennis Wally, Harrison, Ohio junior and Terry Can, Morehead senior, spent their summer working at Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theater in Prestonburg.

J. W. Layne, Morehead senior featured in *Shenandoah* in Winchester, Va.

Carmen Johnson, Flemingsburg junior appeared in the various musical productions at King's Island in Cincinnati.

The Cherokee, North Carolina production *Unto These Hills* featured William Ditty, sophomore from Paintsville, and Kelvin Anthurby, December '88

graduate from Litt Carr.

Summer stock productions have often drawn on student talent. For these MSU students, a vital link between dream and reality has been formed. Now they can add real world experience to their training, and this can make the difference at their next audition. Hearty congratulations are in order.



You, with your Blonde Hair, Blue Eyes and Skin so Fair!  
Real Indians call you the "Wanna-be Tribe".  
Of Noble Red Blood when you "Want to Be".  
Knowing nothing of Indian Religion, History or Pride.

"Wanna-Be" at Tourist Traps and Pow-Wows  
In your Royal Finery to be found...  
Sioux war bonnet, Apache moccasins, Navajo blankets,  
Turquoise and beads, all from Hong Kong abound!

When the White Father speaks and Reservations are taken  
When no one of "Indian Blood" may own land,  
Where will you be, how much Indian Blood will you have,  
"Royal Descendent" of the Wanna-Be Band?

George Washington promised forever to trust  
The boundary of the Iroquois' land.  
But now it's a matter of electricity and a dam.  
Wanna-Be of Noble Blood, where do YOU stand?

Blond haired, Blue eyed, of Royal Princess descent,  
Child of the Wanna-Be Tribal Band,  
Where were YOU at Wounded Knee  
Or when they made Lincoln a Liar and stole the Sioux lands?

When the Reservations are all taken,  
And the Great White Father claims no Indian may own land,  
Where will YOU be, How much "Indian Blood" will YOU have,  
Royal Descendent of the Wanna-Be Band?

When it's your land, your home, Wanna-Be,  
You, whom Noble Indian Blood claim...  
Will YOU shake your head, quickly to forget  
"I'm no 'Red Nigger', no Indian Blood to my name!"

## The Wannabe Tribe

Alabaster skin and eyes so blue,  
Gently, as you boastfully speak,  
The Wind blows your yellow hair.  
Your voice swells with Noble Pride  
Of how in honored "Red Indian" blood you share.

You can trace your Indian heritage  
Through family genealogy,  
So goes your tale...  
Back through your great, great, great...  
Even before Columbus set sail.

From "Cherokee" blood, a noble "Maiden"...  
A real "Princess Royal" with a forgotten name.  
A heritage as noble as a Hiawatha Legend,  
From "Indian Royal Blood" you claim.

No Warrior, bloody scalp and tomahawk in hand,  
No Raping Savage with painted face  
Made drunk by White Man's cheap whiskey,  
Never did your genealogy disgrace!

In your heritage from long ago  
No Blood-thirsty Sioux, no Sinking Apache  
No Unwashed, Goat-herding Navajo  
Nor Bloody, Horse-thieving Breed of Comanche.

## Jenny Wiley Summer Theater: 25 years and going

BY LARRY S. EVANS II

The advent of summer brings the revival of the ancient tradition of outdoor drama, an Eastern Kentucky is not as this respect. The Jenny Wiley Summer Theater is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year with four hit plays.

The season opened this year with "Camelot", the musical fantasy based upon the Arthurian legends.

The romantic triangle of Arthur, Guinevere, and the perfect knight Sir Lancelot is set against a background of warm humor that turns in a disastrous battle for the unity of Britain.

Once the longest running play on Broadway, this work by the celebrated team of Lerner and Lowe features the hit songs "I Wonder What the King is Doing Tonight?", "What do the Simple Folk Do?" as well as the title song.

Following "Camelot" is another favorite, "Funny Girl"; the humorous, sometimes tragic biography of Ziegfeld Follies star Fanny Brice.

"Funny Girl" is best known for beginning the career of actress-singer Barbara Streisand and the song "People Who Need People".

The most innovative work at Jenny Wiley this summer is without a doubt "The Mystery of Edwin Drood", based upon an unfinished work by Charles Dickens. In this musical, the audience votes on the identity of the murderer and he ending is different for every performance. The play also makes use of the audience areas for performance space, catching the spectators up in the event.

"Drood" received five Tony Awards in 1986. Finally comes the "Jenny Wiley Story"; the tribulations of

the pioneer woman for whom the park is named. The "Jenny Wiley Story" opened the theater twenty five years ago and still draws full house crowds.

Though there are constraints on production values due to the outdoor stage, the quality of performance is more than enough to make up for it. The acoustics and sound system are exemplary and good seats are readily available for all performances if they are reserved in advance.

Weekend shows are slightly higher in price, but since the performance lasts until around midnight, it may be worth the difference to the working person. A jacket or blanket is also advisable for comfortable viewing.

The summer season closes this weekend, but seats are still available through Sunday.

## Fall semester brings new faces to Art

By LARRY S. EVANS II

Veteran students returning to the Art Department this fall will greet some new faces. Due to Assoc. Professor Joe Sartor's sabbatical leave, several part time instructors have joined the staff.

Stephanie and Christopher McDavid of Ashland will assist in the painting, fine arts, and introductory courses. In addition, an exhibit of their works will be featured in the Main Gallery at the Claypool Young Art Building. Their primary medium is metal sculpture.

Also joining the staff this semester are Martha Enzman and Nanci Eskrine, who were guest artists here during the last year. All new personnel will be teaching a variety of classes.



Enjoying the rewards of excellence, folk singer Jean Ritchie of Viper chats with MSU President C. Nelson Grote, at this summer's Appalachian Celebration. The handcarved rocker was presented to her as a visible symbol of the 1989 Appalachian Treasure Award.

## ARTNEWS

### Theater

Jenny Wiley Theater 89: Performances of "Camelot", "Funny Girl", "The Jenny Wiley Story", "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" showing nightly except Monday at around 8:30 PM through Aug. 26. Call (606) 886-9274 for reservations or additional information.

M.S.U. Theater: "First Shots of Rage," Old Rowan County Courthouse, 8:00 PM, Sept. 9-10, 15-17, 21; also matinees on Sept. 10, 17, 23.

M.S.U. Theater: "Amadeus," Huston Auditorium, 8:00 PM, Oct. 19-21.

For additional information or M.S.U. Theater productions call 783-2170.

### Visual Arts

Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen Fall Fair: Oct. 13-15, Berea, Ky. Contact Maggie Rifai, PO Box 291, Berea, (606) 666-1192 for further information.

Ursuline Campus Art Fair: Sept. 23-24, Louisville, Ky. Contact Leigh Raper at (502) 897-1811 for info.

Guild Gallery, Lexington, Ky. Aug.: "Jennifer Baldwin-Woodcut Prints", Sept.: "Gwen Heffner-Porcelain".

Owensboro Museum of Fine Art Owensboro, Ky.: "The Regionalists-Three Dimensional Forms", through Sept. 10.

### Music

Faculty Recital: Jon Burgess, trumpet, Duncan Recital Hall, 8:00 PM, Sept. 7.

Recital Hall Concert Series: McHugh-Elphinstone: Violin and Piano Duo, Duncan Recital Hall, 8:00 PM, Sept. 14. There will be an admission charge.

Junior Recital: Mark Gillespie, saxophone, Duncan Recital Hall, 3:00 PM, Sept. 17.

Senior Recital: Michael Patrick, trumpet, Duncan Recital Hall, 8:00 PM, Sept. 24.

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# THE ENTERTAINER

## The good old days are back at the Eagle Drive In Theatre

S. NEVADA WEBB  
Editor

Remember the good old days when you could go to the show and see a real double feature for a couple of bucks, buy a bag of popcorn for 40 cents, and a coke for 60 cents?

Well, those days are baack...! The old Morehead Drive-In Theater's been reopened under new management, and is now the **EAGLE DRIVE-IN THEATRE**. The new owner, Don O. Smith, is a hands-on operator who has been in the business since he was

nine years old, and with his (and his family's) attitude and hard work, there may be life in this old drive-in yet.

Last Saturday night, I took my best girl to see a double feature at the Eagle, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," and "Major League." The first things I noticed were small aesthetic annoyances, such as an all-but-impossible-to-see attractions sign, missing from the back of the screen, and a stain in the extreme upper right of the screen itself.

After parking, I noted that the sound system consisted of the old

style speaker boxes I hadn't seen in operation in 20 years. But, once the feature started, I remembered why drive-ins have always been my favorite type of theatre.

One tends to forget, in the world of today's postage stamp 15" x 22" screens, the awe and beauty available on really large screens. As I watched the trailer for "Star Trek V", which I'd seen on a far smaller screen at an Ashland theater, I was overwhelmed at the size of the Enterprise and power of the battle sequences. The Eagle's screen is whopping 40' x 80' putting you

(if you're not pecking in the back row) right in the middle of the action.

The drive-in has no automation (such as almost all walk-ins do) and Smith's hands-on operation went unappreciated until a film break in the middle of "Indiana Jones". To digress a bit, breaks are not uncommon in town.

This summer, while watching a feature in Ashland such a break occurred. We sat for 18 minutes watching a blank screen. Finally, I went out to the snack counter and found all three employees engaged in "chit-chat". After ex-

plaining the problem, another 6 or 7 minutes went by before the repair was made. I've gotten used to at least 10-15 minute interruptions when one of these breaks occur."

Imagine my surprise Saturday night when the movie began to roll again in less than 3 minutes. "I hardly ever leave the projection booth," Smith said. "I'm there to focus and change reels and to make sure the customer gets the best picture I can give on screen."

Another pleasant surprise

came at intermission. I went up to the snack bar, ready to shell out the usual \$2 for popcorn (drugged-in in pre-popped large bags) and a large bag 80 cents. A drink was 60 cents and, if I wished, a hot dog or chili dog for \$1.20 or a hamburger for a buck-and-a-half.

Missing was the cardboard hard, ice cold standard drive-in

See DRIVE IN, page 5B



by T.L. Buchanan  
Entertainment Editor

**THE DAYTIME EMMYS** were an almost clean sweep for the low-rated cult favorite *Santa Barbara*.

Best show went to *Santa Barbara* for the second year in a row. Outstanding lead actress went to the deserving and very talented Marcy Walker (Eden Capwell Castillo, SB) and outstanding lead actor went to David Canary (Adam & Stuart Chandler, AMC) for the third time and second year in a row.

Outstanding supporting actor went to Justin Dyer (Kevin Timmons, SB) and two very deserving actresses tied for the outstanding lead actress honor, Debbi Morgan (Angie Hubbard, AMC) and Nancy Lee Graham (Julia Wainwright Capwell, SB). The only true juvenile in the outstanding juvenile-female category was also the winner, Kimberly McCullough (Robin Scorpio, GH) won out over widows and married women with children. Come on, are these women juveniles?

The outstanding juvenile-male winner was Justin Gocke (Brandon Capwell, SB), a comedic talent with great timing.

Outstanding writing went to the winning crew of *Santa Barbara*.

Outstanding direction went to the directing staff of *The Young and the Restless* and *Another World* won outstanding costume design. Well deserved for Felicia and Mitch's wedding if nothing else.

**Soap Box**

**LOVING**, fans take heart. Lauren-Marie Taylor is just taking a break to have her baby, she'll be back by late September at the latest.....

**ALL MY CHILDREN** said goodbye to the immensely talented Robert Gentry (Ross Chandler) who asked to be released from his contract due to loss of story line.....

**ALL MY CHILDREN** said goodbye to Gene Francis (Diana Colville). Recently the actress, who decided not to renew her contract, is pregnant with her first child.....

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**GENERAL HOSPITAL** heralded the return of Jack Wagner (Frisco Jones). Wagner who had given up his day job for a music career returned to the delight of happy GH fans.....

**ANOTHER** woman said a tearful farewell to Douglas Watson (Markenzie Cory) who passed away in May.....

**ALL MY CHILDREN** favorite Taylor Miller (Nina Cortlandt) whose return to the show could mean curtains for AMC's new interracial romance between Nina's ex-husband Cliff and his fiancée Angie Hubbard.....

**ALL MY CHILDREN** fans don't worry. Larkin Malloy (Travis Montgomery) and Susan Lucci (Erica Kane Montgomery) are just taking some time off from the show and will return in two months. Coincidentally, congratulations are in order for AMC's Susan Pratt (Barbara Montgomery) and look for fireworks as the writers incorporate her pregnancy into her storyline.....

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Santa Barbara's Vincent Irizarry (Scott) and Signy Coleman (Celeste) who were married on July 23.....

## Die Freddy, die!

By T.L. Buchanan  
Entertainment Editor

Freddy, I used to like you, but please lay down and die for good. Freddy Krueger, the child molester of Elm Street lives again in *Nightmare on Elm Street Part V: The Dream Child*. What begins as a great premise ends as bad black comedy.

Part V picks up where Part IV left off with Alice (Lisa Wilcox). In Freddy's last adventure, Alice found a way to keep Freddy from killing her friends through her dreams, but he's back through the dreams of Alice's unborn child. Yes, Alice engages in little pre-marital sex (during the opening credits no less) and gets...well, the 'p' word.

In order to stop Freddy from killing her friends (are you as surprised as I am that this chick has friends), Alice must find Freddy's dead mother (former nun, Amanda Krueger) and set her soul free. This was a terrific premise for a movie, a child killer returning to terrify people through an unborn child's dreams, but it was poorly executed.

After undergoing the deaths of her baby's father (where Freddy has the great one-line "Don't Dream and Drive") and two other friends, Alice finally realizes that Freddy is using her unborn child to kill her friends. Boy is this girl dense. Actually this whole movie is a joke. If you like to laugh at comic book villains, you might enjoy this movie.

I found even the humorous elements get stale in this fifth installment. Maybe Freddy should just retire and open a daycare center in

Cleveland, where the children would probably scare him. Sorry, Freddy, but you are only worth a half a buck this time around.



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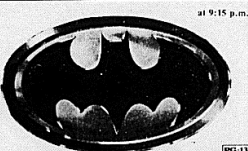
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# ENTERTAINER



## The revenge of the summer sequels

"Star Trek V," "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," "Ghostbusters II," "Lethal Weapon II," "Karate Kid III"....they, do you see a pattern developing here? Yes, this summer was the revenge of the high-priced sequel. The revenge was on the average moviegoer spending millions of hard-earned dollars nationwide.

The obvious exception to this rule (remember, as you go through life and movies, exceptions are the rule) was the guaranteed megahit "Batman." It was no coincidence that the release of "Batman" coincided with the fifty-first anniversary of one of DC Comics' most enduring caped crusaders. The casting move of the eighties, Jack Nicholson as "the Joker," just cemented Gotham City's appeal at the box office.

Some other movies that scored well at the box office (both deserving and undeserving) were "Dead Poet's Society" and "No Holds Barred." Two very important things came from these two movies. Robin Williams proved that "Good Morning, Vietnam" was no fluke and Hulk Hogan once again showed us the stupidity of professional wrestling. Williams continues to choose movie roles with heart and intelligence. His portrayal of the controversial English teacher was touching, funny, and thought-provoking. A combination becoming rapidly associated with the immense talents of Williams. On the other hand the Hulkster reminded us why sometimes critics hate their jobs.

Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg had moviegoers on the edge of their seats once more with Indiana's last crusade. The only word to describe Sean Connery as Indy's stubborn father is BRAVO! Connery brought depth, humor, and more insight into the character of Indiana Jones. Ford continues to keep Indy fresh and exciting. Also no review of "the last crusade" would be complete without mentioning River Phoenix. He brought the young Indy to life without a flaw. Phoenix showed us why Indy hates snakes, wears a battered fedora, and brandishes a

whip with such finesse.

The brand new Starship Enterprises gets put through its paces in "Star Trek V." The original cast (looking a little older, but still having fun) is back for another adventure. This one led by Captain James Tiberius Kirk (both in space and on earth as William Shatner puts on a directing hat for the first time). This time the crew is involved with Spock's half-brother, an emphatic phobic. The boys are back in town. Yes, those pesky Ghostbusters (the men on TV) are back with more slime than you can possibly handle. A river of slime is flowing under New York City feeding off all the bad vibes (now isn't that a thought), but the boys and their unlicensed proton-packs are here to save the day.

Lethal Weapon II was back with more Mel Gibson. I'm sorry guys, but we of the female persuasion really like Mel. A cabaret character which was so offbeat in Lethal Weapon, is toned down too much in this sequel and Danny Glover is underused and underrated. Overall though it was a worthy three bucks.

Karate is wearing thin at the box office and Ralph (I still love twelve) Macchio is wearing thin on moviegoers' nerves. If you saw I and II don't worry about III. Timothy Dalton is James Bond, but "License to Kill" is below the average Bond movie. Rick Moranis was his best summer in three big movies. "Honey, I Shrank the Kids," "Ghostbusters II," and "Parenthood."

Overall was pleasantly diverse summer albeit on the commercial one. No, mom not the Ghostbusters II cup, Honey, I shrunk the Kids plate and Batman silverware. Can't I eat of the cornstarch like a normal person?

### Ghostbusters II

Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis, Sigourney Weaver and John Denver's twin nephews saw too much slime in "Ghostbusters II." Baby Oscar was the real star as the evil Vigo tried to reenter the world of the living. People say Denver is cute, but her nephews are cuter. Bill Murray had 'all new, cheap lines' and Harold Ramis took puppies away from children to rate stress in some of the better moments of this sequel. Dan Aykroyd was wasted in this movie as was Sigourney Weaver. Both major comedic talents were forgotten. The film was worth about 2 bucks at the box office, compared to the original film's 5 bucks.

The high points of this movie (and there weren't too many) were the courtroom scene with Bill Murray as the witness leading the lawyer (Rick Moranis) and the Statue of Liberty walking down the streets of New York to Jackie Wilson. "The Harbor Chick" (as Bill Murray calls her) is moving with the help of good slime. Remember good slime and bad slime because that is the only explanation for the plot of this movie. The scene with the spectral locomotive passing through Ernie Hudson was priceless and worth about half of the movie's price.

2 bucks

### Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade

This movie was great from start to finish. What better way to begin than by showing us how Henry Jones, Junior son of famed archaeologist Henry Jones became Indiana. River Phoenix shows us how even as a boy scout, Indy was destined for trouble. By the way as we find out later, Indiana was the dog's name. The detail of how Indy first discovered his hatred for snakes, how to use a bullwhip, and how he got his trademark hat

was great. This movie was packed with adventure, style, and wit. Sean Connery was wonderful and the interaction between father and son was brilliantly written, staged, and executed. This was far better than Temple of Doom and on par with the original Raiders of the Lost Ark. I am going to miss Indy. This was his last adventure as Ford and Spielberg retire the whip and battered hat. I would like to see more of the adventures of young Indy with Phoenix who is rapidly developing his acting talents. He just keeps getting better and so do Indy's adventures. Four and a half

Bucks

### BATMAN

The summer's hottest hit was Gotham's City's caped crusader himself. Yes, the man in the bat suit got all the press. But, stop the press for Jack Nicholson (the Joker). Whether he asks or not, he was fine. Michael Keaton showed us he could play it straight and wear a cape.

I honestly liked Batman, but I didn't love it. A few discrepancies caught my eye and distracted me from truly loving this stylish movie.

One, why cast someone with the talents of Billy Dee Williams (Harvey Dent) then ignore them for the whole movie. Same goes for Jerry Hall. I've never thought of Mick's lady as talented, but I wish they would have let her do more in this movie. Two, couldn't the producers have spent a few dollars on brown contact lenses for the actor, who (very believably) played the young Jack. After all this was a multi-million dollar production.

Cheers to director Tim Burton for a fine job in bringing Gotham City and it's residents to life. Cheers to the creators of the Batmobile and the Batplane, good job.

Overall, I admit that I did like the movie up until the death of the Joker. After they killed the Joker off the movie died too (even though he's not for another 15 minutes). I'd give two and a half bucks to see Batman. Believe me Jack Nicholson is worth two bucks on his own.

### Star Trek V

Trekies are made, not born and some of us non-traditional types have loved it from its TV inception.

With bated breath, we waited 12 years for the first Trek movie. So what did we get? A \$30 million special effects circus based on two old trekkie stories, with the crew acting as though they were tired of being there and just want to go walk-ons and go home. After the cries of "foul!" by devoted trekies, Paramount wised up and followed with three megatreks, "The Wrath of Khan," "The Search for Spock" and "The Voyage Home," the last two directed by Leonard Nimoy.

Which brings us to the latest, a disaster unparalleled since ST: The Motion Picture, called (perhaps prophetically) Star Trek: The Final Frontier. The first mistake was letting Shatner, who wouldn't even direct an episode of *TJ Hooker*, do this one as his major directing debut.

As Nimoy pointed out corrected during a recent interview, Shatner's style is action, while his is leans toward the subtle and intellectual, something painfully clear in this latest adventure.

Shatner's action sequences can't be beat for fun and frolic, but to do an entire picture that way?

What we wind up with is a tirade of shallow plot of vindage that is only a step above the first "Trek" movie.

Even more disconcerting to a REAL trekkie is the lack of con-

tinuity, ESPECIALLY from "father trek" himself, William Shatner.

Example: Everyone knows that, from the hanger deck, one must take the turbolift up a few levels, over the length of the secondary bridge, then up about 10 decks to the bridge. What do we get from the man whose most spoken word is "bridge?" Direct transfer, up.

Example: Spock uses jet boots to save himself, Bones and Kirk, by shooting up an unused turbolift tube, since when does the Enterprise, about 20 decks thick,

have a top deck number of 96? Petty annoyances? Hardly, for a true trekkie.

So if you like mindless space action and entertainment with no deeper thought than, "Does God need a spaceship?", then this movie's for you.

However, if you're looking for the depth of Star Trek II, III, and IV, forget it, go search out a really deep movie (comparatively speaking), rent "Big Top Pee Wee" from the local video store.

Worth a buck on adventure, if the theater throws in a bag of popcorn.

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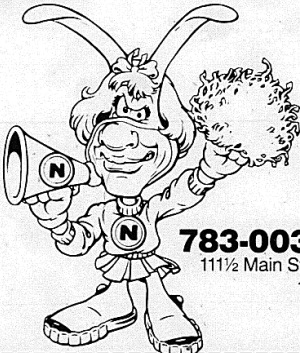
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pizza...and I missed it.

"Don't worry," Smith smiled, "I'll have the pizza pretty soon too."

Smith also plans to bring back favorites that students would like to see on the supervise screen and will have a suggestion box in the lobby for that purpose.

Smith has a policy of a dollar discount for all students with a valid I.D., making the admission price \$2, even for this week's double feature of the megahit "BATMAN" and the second feature, "Pink Cadillac."

Smith lets you know in no uncertain terms that he has a certain love of drive-ins, those activities that began in the 1920's, peaked at about \$500 in the 50's, and is now almost a relicthere are only 6 from the West Virginia border to Indiana). He's not in it to make a bundle, but to perpetuate a theater style in fast decline.

Yep, the place needs upgrading in the Johns, paint and AM-FM speakers. All things that are currently in the works.

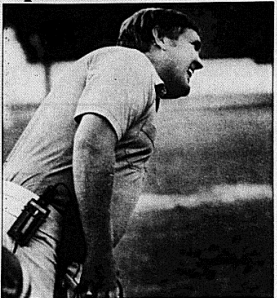
So, where can you go to see a double feature ("BATMAN" this weekend, no less), bring your own cash, have near-complete privacy, a bag of popcorn, a hot dog and cold drink and STILL get 80 cents back from a five spot?

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# EAGLE SPORTS

## Baldrige says health is fine, has optimistic outlook on Eagle's season



Disputing the ref's calls didn't bode well for Coach Baldrige. After a coronary bypass last fall, strict diet, and exercise, he says he feels great, and hopes to turn frustration such as, into, that

As Bill Baldrige enters his sixth season as Head Football Coach at MSU, he is optimistic about personal health and a winning 1989 season.

Coronary bypass surgery last fall, a strict diet and supervised regimen of exercise have him feeling strong and ready to go.

Baldrige hopes the prosperity for his 1989 Eagles will be aided by the return of 30 letterwinners, including 14 starters.

Heading the list of offensive returnees are quarterback Chris Swartz, destined to be one of the top passers in Eagle history, wide receiver Ty Howard and runningback Jerome Williams.

The top defensive returnees are linebackers Jim Jackson and Doug Howell, linebacker David Gifford, James Goode and defensive back Darrell Beavers.

Punter Kenny Meadows has a chance to be one of the league's best.

Following is a position-by-position rundown.

**COACHING STAFF:** For the second consecutive season, Baldrige will have three veterans and three newcomers among his full-time assistant coaches. Vic Clark returns as Assistant head coach and offensive line coach, with the added responsibility of offensive coordinator. Dan Goode returns to coach the linebackers and serve as defensive coordinator.

Terry Chia is back to coach the runningbacks and special teams, and David Keeney joins the staff as quarterbacks and receivers

coach. Former Eagle Joe Schlager returns to campus as the defensive line coach and Larry Houk joins the staff as defensive backs coach.

**QUARTERBACKS:** Swartz (6-3, 195, Jr.) returns for his third season as starter. Last season he hit 198 of 359 passes for 2,162 yards and 13 touchdowns. He will be backed up by red-shirt freshman Steve Danato (6-4, 185) and possibly sophomore Jerry Lucas (6-2, 200), who may move back from tight end.

**RUNNINGBACKS:** Williams (5-9, 175, Jr.), who rushed for 311 yards and scored four touchdowns last season, led the team in both rushing and receiving. His 5.2 receptions per game averaged led the OVC. His backup at tailback will probably be red-shirt freshman Ken Carter (5-10, 165). Freshman signer Anthony Jelting (5-11, 190) could see playing time early.

Willie Smith (5-8, 165, So.) saw limited action last season but is listed as the first-team full back on the preseason depth chart. Veteran Rich Schmitt (6-6, 200, Fr.) and transfer Mike Tisa (5-9, 190, Jr.) will also contend.

**RECEIVERS:** All-conference performer Howard (6-4, 185, Sr.) led the league with 52 total catches last season and could contend for All-America honors. Red-shirt freshman Tyrone Vann (6-2, 190, Fr.) is also listed first-team on the preseason depth chart. Mike Gray (5-9, 165, Fr.), Terry Yuse (5-11, 145, Fr.),

number one feeling again. Fourteen starters and 10 letterwinners are returning to help the Eagles on their way to victory. Photos by Kevin L. Goida

Tony Coulter (6-1, 185, Jr.) and Sean Sanders (5-9, 180, So.) will provide depth.

John Irwin (6-1, 200, Sr.), who caught 40 passes last season as a wide receiver, is listed as the starter at tight end, but may also see action again at wide receiver.

**OFFENSIVE LINE:** Three starters graduated leaving several holes in the line, but there is a wealth of candidates to fill those positions.

Transfer Walter Underwood (6-3, 280, Sr.) is expected to anchor the line from the center spot. A former Kentucky all-star, Underwood originally signed with Alabama.

Veterans Eric Coker (6-1, 180, Jr.) and Larry Seerba (6-2, 275, So.) have the inside track on the guard spots.

Dennis Palachek (6-2, 260, So.) is another contender for a starting spot.

There are five strong candidates for the two tackle positions. Mike Gilead (6-2, 250, So.) and James Appel (6-3, 265, So.) were listed first-team on the preseason depth chart. Other top contenders are Phil Carter (6-4, 250, So.), Larry Maggard (6-6, 230, Fr.) and Mike Dobbs (6-6, 245, Fr.).

**DEFENSIVE LINE:** The Eagles will play a four-man front this season. The leading candidates at tackle are Jeff Burton (6-2, 260, So.) and Tony Love (6-2, 230, Sr.). Kevin Felita (6-0, 250, So.) and Dan Ambrosini (6-1, 265, Sr.) will also contend.

Veterans Gifford (6-3, 225, Sr.) and Goode (6-4, 225, So.)

baseball coach and athletic director.

"He is a very knowledgeable baseball coach and is tremendously organized. Also, he is an outstanding academician and will be an asset to the University in many ways."

Hamilton resigned after 14 seasons to devote his efforts to his position as Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at MSU.

Spaniol is married to the former Cheryl Forrester of Louisville, who is an MMU speech instructor and assistant manager.

### Speaking of baseball...

#### Home Field Disadvantage?

According to the OVC, in the previous 14 OVC baseball tournaments, the host team has only won four times. The last to do so was Morehead State University, which won the tournament it hosted in 1983.

Since that time only Middle Tennessee, in 1986, has even reached the championship round.

should be the starters at the end spots. Other candidates are Ken Moore (6-1, 220, Jr.), Richard Shadwick (6-4, 220, Fr.) and Lance Berry (6-3, 205, Fr.).

**LINEBACKERS:** MSU will line up with four linebackers this season. Veteran all-conference candidate Jackson (6-2, 230, Jr.) and J.C. Porter (6-2, 230, So.) are the leading candidates at the inside linebacker positions. Freshman red-shirt, Tom Cohen (6-1, 205, Fr.) and Ellie Johnson (6-1, 200, Fr.) are also contenders.

Veteran all-conference candidate Bowell (6-1, 225, Sr.) and former defensive back Mike Turner (5-10, 175, Jr.) are listed first-team at outside linebacker. Other candidates are Billy Cloud (5-11, 175, So.) and Gary Yovan (6-2, 194, So.).

**DEFENSIVE BACKS:** The first-team cornerbacks on the preseason depth chart are veterans Carlos Tuck (5-9, 170, So.) and Greg Mitchell (5-11, 175, Sr.). Other candidates include Michael Bailey (5-10, 185, So.), Scott Kasinger (5-10, 165, Jr.) and Bob Koss (5-11, 183, Jr.).

Beavers (6-3, 200, Jr.), one of the best athletes on the team, should be the starter at free safety. His back-up will be Meadows (5-11, 180, Sr.) and Vaughn Scott (5-10, 170, So.).

**KICKERS:** Meadows averaged 36.4 yards per punt last season and should be among the conference's best this season. His back-up will probably be Brian Flynn (6-2, 175, Fr.).

Brady Duff (5-10, 170, Sr.) is the only experienced placekicker on the squad, but may be challenged by other candidates in the fall.

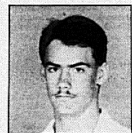
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October	October	
7	at Murry State	3 p.m.
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21	at Tennessee State	7 p.m.
28	at Austin Peay	2:30 p.m.
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November	November	
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11		7 p.m.
18	<b>EASTERN KENTUCKY</b>	1:30 p.m.
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### Hardin picked for OVC football team



Ty Howard, OVC preseason team choice

The OVC preseason football team has been chosen, and wide receiver Ty Howard of Morehead State made the team. Howard, 6-4 and 185 pounds, is a senior from Morehead. He was an all-conference performer last season, and led the league with 52 receptions.

He is listed as a possible contender for All-America honors.

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### Spaniol named baseball coach



New head baseball coach, Frank Spaniol

Former MSU baseball standout, Frank Spaniol has been named head baseball coach for the Eagles after the resignation of Steve Hamilton.

Spaniol, who has spent the last two years as assistant baseball coach at MSU, was born in Covington, Ky., and raised in San Diego, Cal., where he was an all-league and all-league player.

He played for Mesa Community College before coming to MSU in 1982, and was on the 1983 Ohio Valley Conference championship team.

After graduation from MSU in 1984, Spaniol went back to San Diego as a baseball coach at Serra High, but returned to MSU following year to complete his master's degree in physical education.

In 1986 he was the baseball coach at Plantation High School in Plantation, Fla.

Spaniol began his doctorate work in exercise physiology at Ole Miss in 1987 and has completed degree requirements. He is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, the American College of Sports Medicine, and is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

"I'm extremely pleased that Frank will be our head baseball coach," said Coach Hamilton said. "He has been invaluable to our assistant the past two years while I have been serving as both

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## FEATURE

## The Gray Eagles: care, concern and the future of MSU

By S. NEVADA WEBB  
Editor

"Yeah, I was a bodyguard for a while," Marty Henderson said matter-of-factly. His blue eyes sparkled over an impenetrable grin and under a slash of salt-and-pepper hair.

"But that was a long time ago, when I was just a young fella," he added as he put his strong arms across a barrel chest.

Marty Henderson of Olive Hill, Kentucky, is what is known in the college vernacular as a "non-traditional student," one of those souls who is over 23, but isn't quite ready for retirement.

Across the country, college newspapers contain articles raising the question "Where are they now?" concerning former students and faculty members. What is ignored most of the time is the so-called "non-traditional" students who are a growing power in the post-baby-boom years. At MSU, for example, they make up roughly 25% of the student body; about 1800 out of 7300 students.

"They are of all ages, from all states and even foreign countries," Counselor for Non-Traditional Students Anna Mae Riggie explained. "And many have such interesting backgrounds and fascinating stories to tell."

A quick overview displays an array of life experiences as varied as the personalities of the individuals. There's an electronics specialist giving up a six-figure salary in order to get a teaching certificate so that he might teach others, and a former missile communications specialist from Cape Kennedy who is now a semester away from a total career change. There is a retired Air Force Communications Expert who has had his share of scares over the skies of Southeast Asia and Viet Nam. Other non-traditionals, such as Steve Granis have overcome life's hardships to come back and complete their education.

Still others, such as Marty, were disabled due to accidents, injury or disease and are returning to school to begin anew in a career field that is more compatible with their present physical limitations.

Many of these "older" students are either returning to university life after many years absence or are just starting out at a time in their lives when college is fresh in their new college career.

"I'm not only interesting but downright inspiring to see such individuals going back to school at a time in their lives when they and their peers have college age children or even grandchildren. Isn't it about time someone asks, 'Where have they been?'"

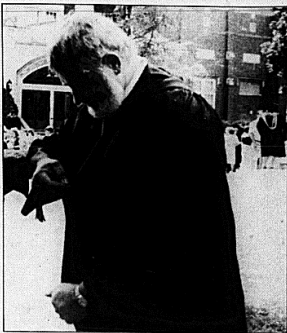
## The Angolan/Zaire Border, 1974...

There's just been a border clash, and several soldiers on each side lay dead or wounded. Gulf Oil Company electrician Marty Henderson and fellow employees, who were both coats on oil drilling platform, have just crossed into Angola in a company truck. The workers are at first simply detained, but after several minutes are arrested and held without charges.

The border officials confiscate their passports and to make a tense situation worse, the American Embassy is unaware of their plight.

"This happened several times," Henderson reminisced. "One company knew our schedule and we let the permanent personnel handle these things. We were always freed once what was basically extortion money was paid, or they were given time to wait."

"In all those cases, we were never formally charged or even told why we were held! It was a



Marty Henderson, preparing for summer commencement, Henderson is returning to MSU this fall as a graduate student. Photo/Tina Hicks

fairly common thing to do to foreign workers."

While Henderson worked in Africa, his family lived on a company expense in Rome.

"We worked in Angola and Zaire approximately two weeks at a time; then we flew back to Rome for two weeks of R and R (rest and relaxation) with our families," he said.

Later, back in North America, Henderson found work with the railroad.

"I was a member of a crew that rode the rails from one end of Canada to the other and across the West from U.S. to a self-propelled car," he said. "We inducted electricity into the rails or used ultrasonic sound to test for weaknesses or faults."

The next stop was Mississippi. "I worked in Pascagoula in a lab that manufactured Atomic missile systems for the Navy," Marty stated. "We'd test them, then install them on ships."

"Yeah, I've done everything from work in a Campbell soup factory, to town mayor to being a bodyguard," he added.

Henderson was a bodyguard in Kentucky under circumstances he is still loath to fully explain.

"It was for a fella that's dead now," he said, "but there are those who'd be offended if I made his name known."

"I can tell you that he was threatened by a bunch from New York. It finally got to be one of those things where he had to get out of town in a hurry for the sake of his health," Henderson smiled.

"It was really kind of pitiful," he said quietly as he shook his head. "I mean, he had to hurry and gather a few things, whatever he could, and get out! You didn't know what to expect from that New York bunch."

So what brought Marty-of-many-lives to MSU?

"I was injured in an industrial accident," he said flatly. "And decided to come back to school to earn a teaching degree."

Henderson said his goals are to teach industrial technical education on the college or high school level and perhaps do guidance and counseling. His long range goal is to eventually go into administration.

"I enjoy college life, too," he added with a rub of his beard.

"Enjoy" seems to indicate a laid back approach to college, but not in Henderson's case. He entered MSU in the fall of '87 as a freshman with 15 transfer credit hours. He stayed in school throughout the last two years and is now a senior with over 125 credit hours. And an average of 4.0! And "average" is anything but the right word for

Marty Henderson. It's the early 1800's, and a pioneer school teacher has left Pennsylvania, moving to the rich new lands of Kentucky. He homesteads in Fleming County, there to begin a family farming dynasty...

Five generations later, in MSU's Non-Traditional Student Lounge, his great great grandson, Steve Granis, 33, reminisces.

"Originally, my father didn't want me to continue on as a fifth generation farmer," Steve said. "It was rather hard times back then and he wanted me to have a college education."

Granis entered MSU after high school and completed four semesters toward a degree in Agriculture/Business. His father didn't mind the agricultural tilt of his education, he only wanted his son to have it easier than he and his forebears. But that was before the accident.

"I was just past midterms in my fifth semester," Steve said quietly as he had left his clean shaven face and abnormally ran through his carotid and hair.

"When I got a call from home, 'My father had been killed in a timbering accident,' he explained in a [sorrowful], 'and I had to return home.' After the funeral, it was apparent that I'd have to quit school to take over the farm and take care of mom."

In Granis' eyes there were no regrets, however. He married his college sweetheart and settled in to the rough life of a farmer raising tobacco, corn, hay, cattle and swine.

He and his wife's hard but happy existence was made richer a few years later by the birth of two kids. But then de-ja-vu struck too quickly. "My knee was crushed in an accident," Granis explained with a wide sweep of his hand, "and as I lay healing, I realized that my son, now seven and 18 months old, were almost put in similar circumstances as my father had left me."

He pursed his lips and shook his head. "He and his wife's hard but happy existence was made richer a few years later by the birth of two kids. But then de-ja-vu struck too quickly. "My knee was crushed in an accident," Granis explained with a wide sweep of his hand, "and as I lay healing, I realized that my son, now seven and 18 months old, were almost put in similar circumstances as my father had left me."

"By discussing my options with my wife, we decided that I'd be better off I finished college."

Granis is now nearing graduation as a vocational agricultural education major. He still farms full time while attending school and intends to continue even with a later full time job.

"Farming's extremely important to this country," he concluded, "and I really like and believe

in what the American farmer stands for!"

As dawn's light broke over the steamy jungles to greet this day in the early 1960's, the jungle-camouflaged C-130 lifted off the runway at the large U.S. air base at Udorn, Thailand and lumbered into the sky. Its four propeller-driven engines coughing their way through the humid air. Like a comically huge pregnant duck, the big-bellied converted transport slowly gained altitude as it pointed its stubby nose toward Viet Nam's hostile skies...

An airborne command post's duty was to direct the air war over Southeast Asia. On board was a young Airborne Communications Technician, Sergeant William "Bill" Eldridge, on his second four year hitch in the Air Force and on one of two tours he did in Vietnam.

Sixty miles out of Udorn, just east of the Mekong River, the C-130 crossed the neck of Laos. The young Air Combat Command Post, still wheezing its way up to assigned altitude, suddenly had a tremor rattle the length of the ship.

"Someone got lucky," Eldridge said with a half-way grin, "we were hit by groundfire and had one of the engines shot out."



Steve Granis, proud fifth generation farmer and non-traditional student, explains why returning to school was so important to him. Photo/S. Nevada Webb

He said it so matter-of-factly that asking if he had been scared seemed to be appropriate.

"Well yeah, I was scared," he laughed in a deep booming voice, "but we turned around and made it back to Udorn ok."

Bill Eldridge spent 26 years of his life, from 1958 to 1984, faithfully serving the United States as a member of the U.S. Air Force. As an Airborne Communications Technician, however, he is not in one place for very long.

"During my Air Force career," he explained, "I had 17 S's (permanent change of stations)."

"Just in my first four-year hitch," he continued, "I was stationed in Turkey, Pakistan, Saudi, Washington state and California."

"And in my second tour," he said in a low voice as his eyes stared into the distant past, "we went sent to Hawaii, Japan, Viet Nam, Washington, D.C., and back to Viet Nam."

Eldridge is a modest, almost shy man who speaks in constant understatement. He didn't consider the engine incident to be either "interesting" or a "close call." It made one wonder if perhaps he could dredge any "Commonplace" occurrences from his memory.

"Oh, nothing much else happened," he said evenly as his hand rubbed the side of his short cropped hair, "outside of a few mortar attacks."

Outside of a few mortar attacks? I'd hate to be ground for something he considered "exciting!"

From 1969 to 1975, the Air Force shipped Eldridge and family to the Philippines, Thailand and once again to Vietnam.

"The last nine years were fairly stable," he said. "I spent six years at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi and my last three years prior to retirement in West Germany."

After Bill's discharge in 1984, he attempted to enter the civilian job market.

"I went after jobs I wanted at four or five different companies," he said firmly. "I had both the knowledge and experience for the positions, but they all wanted that college degree."

Bill's coming to MSU was no accident. He was born and raised in Morehead and simply came home. He had his G.I. bill available, and since he retired as the rank of master sergeant, decided to go back to school full time to get his degree.

"I retired on the first of October in '84," he said, "and entered MSU in the Spring Semester of '85. I'd been taking courses whenever I could from

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These ARE the Gray Eagles, a section of the student body with a high achievement mentality. A portion that doesn't slumber, sleep or cut class, but pay so close attention that even the instructors sometimes feel uncomfortable.

These non-traditionals come into their classes with a decorum in experience but KNOW that they don't know everything, and are willing to learn.

These ARE the Gray Eagles who, many times bearing the scars of youthful folly or hard lives, are more than happy to share their experiences with younger students. Perhaps then, they feel, these young adults won't have to someday return to look at MSU's campus through forty-year-old eyes and wistfully wonder how the last two decades might have been WITH a college degree.

These ARE the Gray Eagles, a no-to-tame bunch who admire their instructors, sometimes wish they could be more protective of their young adult classmates, and have a fierce loyalty to MSU since day one.

So, the "traditional" students should keep this in mind. If you're feeling down and an older woman says, "Can I help?", it is not prattling a line, the means is.

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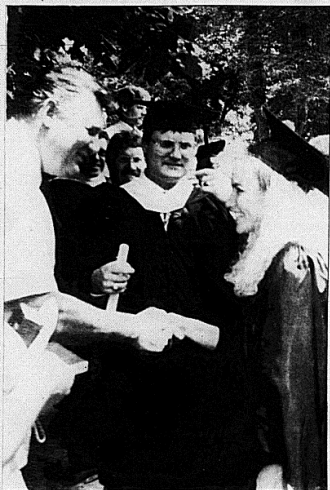
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